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Washington, DC 20231

Date: March 17, 2000

Sir:

The application papers for the above-identified application were originally filed on February 2, 2000 and the application was assigned Appl. No. 09/496,405.

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.41(c) and 1.53(f), attached hereto is the executed Declaration of the inventor(s) (original photocopy), necessary for completing the filing requirements in connection with the above-identified application.

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.41(c) and 1.53(f), attached hereto is the executed Declaration that was attached to the specification at the time of execution. The attached specification is a true copy of the specification that was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark office on February 2, 2000, including any amendments thereto (if applicable) filed on even date therewith.

The undersigned hereby declares that "Attorney Docket No. 0879-0252P on page 1 of the inventors' Declaration, filed on March 17, 2000, corresponds to Appl. No. 09/496,405, filed February 2, 2000, entitled "IMAGE FILE APPARATUS."

Attached are _____ () sheet(s) of formal drawings.

Attached is a copy of Form PTO-1533.

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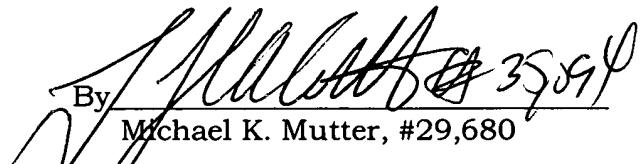
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